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**Sent:** 1/16/2020 8:42:51 PM  
**To:** Kenknight, Jeff [Kenknight.Jeff@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** FW: Salem Statesman | EPA petition asks for emergency action on tainted drinking water in Eastern Oregon

Jeff – do you want to check in w/Ed to see how he wants to manage this internally? (you and Matt scope it for ECAD/WD?) Press is identifying need for desk statement.

What ORC input do we want? Jennifer MacDonald/Yakima, Clarke/Cara/SDWA general, Carol King in OECA?

Thanks,

Peter



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**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2020 12:29 PM  
**To:** Winiecki, Eric <Winiecki.Eric@epa.gov>; Holsman, Marianne <Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov>; Peak, Nicholas <Peak.Nicholas@epa.gov>; Contreras, Peter <Contreras.Peter@epa.gov>; Kowalski, Edward <Kowalski.Edward@epa.gov>  
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**Subject:** RE: Salem Statesman | EPA petition asks for emergency action on tainted drinking water in Eastern Oregon

Looping in Peter and Ed and Tony!

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cc-ing Ed Kowalski on this as the petitioners are requesting enforcement action.

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**From:** Holsman, Marianne <[Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov](mailto:Holsman.Marianne@epa.gov)>

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Adding Tony Barber.

We need a desk statement on this. Mark or Suzanne?

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse impolite brevity and typos.

On Jan 16, 2020, at 12:06 PM, Peak, Nicholas <[Peak.Nicholas@epa.gov](mailto:Peak.Nicholas@epa.gov)> wrote:

I just had a voicemail from the Oregon Dept of Ag on what the process and timeline on this would be...

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FYI & see email from ODEQ below.

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**Subject:** Media inquiry: EPA petition asks for emergency action on tainted drinking water in Eastern Oregon

Hi EPA friends. See below on inquiry about petition that went to y'all today (yesterday?) We're huddling internally about this request for comment, and will send you whatever we end up providing. Let me know if you'd like to discuss.

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**Sent:** Thursday, January 16, 2020 10:29 AM

**To:** FLYNT Jennifer <[FLYNT.Jennifer@deq.state.or.us](mailto:FLYNT.Jennifer@deq.state.or.us)>

**Subject:** EPA petition

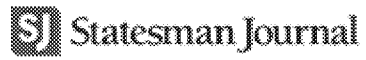
Hi Jennifer,

I'm writing about the EPA petition filed today regarding nitrate levels in drinking water in the Boardman area. The petition criticizes the state for failing to take more stringent action. Would someone at DEQ be able to comment about that?

We have a developing story online, and likely will run it in print on Sunday.

<https://www.statesmanjournal.com/story/news/2020/01/16/enviromental-protection-agency-oregon-contaminated-water/4470231002/>

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